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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF PORTO RICO
Office of the Commissioner
San Juan

Circular Letter No. 68.

March 15, 1912.

To Supervising Principals.

Gentlemen:--

Referring to the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Education regarding health certificates, which were sent you with Circular Letter No. 47, under date of January 8, 1912, I have the honor to inform you that lines 6, 7 and 8 of Paragraph 234, which reads as follows:

> "This certificate will be based upon a medical and physical examination to be made by officers of the public health service of the Island."

and hereby ammended by adding after the word "Island"

"or any other physician of good standing".

In light of this amendment, which you should make known immediately to all interested parties in your district, applicants for examination for teachers' licenses or teachers in the service of the Department are not required to have the health certificate filled in by an officer of the public health service, but may have the said certificate filled in by the physician of their choice. Due to the fact that the health officers in the service of the Department of S-anitation make the examination without charge, probably all the male teachers and the majority of the female teachers will have the examination made by the said officers.

In case the medical certificate is filled in by a health officer who is the family physician of the applicant the words "who is not the family physician of the applicant" in line 2 and the words "also that I am not the family physician of the applicant", which appear just above the space for the examining officer's signature, should be struck out by the physician.

In cases where the certificate is filled in by a physician who is not in the service of the Department of Sanitation lines 1 and 2 of the blank which read,

> "Medical certificates must be filled in by a health officer in the service of the Department of Sanitation of Porto Rico who is not the family physician of the applicant"

should be struck out by the examining officer and word "not" in the next to the last line of physician's certification, in those cases where the examiner is the family physician.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edwin G. Dexter
Commissioner of Education.

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